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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal system comprising:
a portable terminal device including a housing and a first connector;
an external speaker portion for converting electrical signals from said
portable terminal device to sound wave signals, said external speaker portion
including an external speaker and a second connector;

transmission holes through which the sound wave signals converted from the electrical signals by said external speaker are transmitted to said portable terminal device, said transmission holes being formed in said first connector and said external speaker;

wherein said first and second connectors are electrically connected to each other to transmit the electrical signals from said portable terminal device to said external speaker.

- 2. (Original) The portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first connector is located at such a position that a hand is not brought into contact with said first connector when said portable terminal device is operated.
- 3. (Original) The portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first connector is provided on the back surface of said portable terminal device.
- 4. (Original) The portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second connectors are designed to have a screw thread and a threaded aperture, or a threaded aperture and a screw thread respectively so that said

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external speaker portion and said portable terminal device can be threaded to each other.

- 5. (Original) The portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said external speaker portion and said portable terminal device are connected to each other by the friction force of the contact face between said first and second connectors.
- 6. (Original) The portable terminal system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said portable terminal device is used as an enclosure of said external speaker.